price of mustard oil despite sudden decrease registered in the price of mustard; and

(d) the steps taken to provide suitable remunerative price for mustard growing farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a decrease in prices of mustard seed in anticipation of a record harvest of mustard during the current Rabi.

(c) The price of mustard oil has also decreased along with that of mustard seed.

(d) The following steps have been taken to ensure remunerative prices for mustard growing farmers:

(i) NAFED has drawn up a programme to procure mustard seed at the minimum support price declared by the Government in case need arises.

(ii) Discussions have been held with NDDB, NAFED and the State Governments of major mustard growing States regarding market intervention operations to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for mustard seed.

[*English*]

Indo-Myanmar Border

1427. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the Indo-Myanmar border; and

(b) whether military deployment has been made by Myanmar on this border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The length of Indo-Myanmar border is approximately 1643 kms.

(b) According to available information military deployment has been made by the Government of Myanmar close to Indian borders at some places, apparently to contain insurgent activities.

[*Translation*]

Harassment by Delhi Traffic Police

1428. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item regarding harassment of U.P. Roadways employees by the Delhi Traffic Police at the Inter-State Bus Terminus appearing in the Nav Bharat Times dated January 13, 1992;

(b) whether the Government have also received any complaint in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Delhi Police have reported that in order to safeguard against haphazard parking in the Inter-State Bus Terminus and to decongest is, a decision has been taken to tow away buses which stay there beyond half an hour. During one of the drives undertaken by the Traffic Police

on 1.11.1991, the traffic staff was allegedly manhandled by the staff of U.P. Roadways. A case u/s 353/186/332/506 was registered at P.S. Kashmiri Gate against the Roadways staff. The Delhi Police has further reported that a complaint was made by U.P. Roadways Employees Joint Council alleging that the local police had distorted the incident of 1.11.91 and requesting that the case registered against the Roadways staff should be dropped. The Delhi Police have reported that the matter was inquired into by the Dy. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) and the complaint could not be substantiated.

Committee on Promoting Production of Sugarcane

1429. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee has been constituted by the Government to promote the production of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of reference; and

(c) when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) No Sir, The Ministry is not aware of the Committee which has been constituted to promote the production of sugarcane;

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Impetus to Agriculture Education

1430. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: the steps taken by the Government to give further impetus to Agriculture education to make it job oriented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): Sir, The Government has taken following steps to give impetus to agricultural education and make it job oriented:

(i) Agricultural Universities have been established in each major State.

(ii) These institutions are financially supported to create infrastructural facilities for practical training.

(iii) Facilities for refresher training are being given to the teachers to keep them abreast with new knowledge and skills.

(iv) Scholarships/fellowships are given to attract meritorious students to the agricultural education.

(v) The courses and curriculla are revised from time to time through Expert Committees to make them job oriented and also to include new areas of learning.

(vi) Practical training has been made an integral part of curriculum to improve the skills and to create self confidence in students.

[*English*]

Fisheries as an Industry

1431. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare fisheries as an industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?